

WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL/LEGISLATIVE DINNER held Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at Harry Browne's Restaurant in Annapolis, for the purpose of discussing the status of the City's legislative priorities and other legislative matters.

Mayor Jordan began the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Councilmembers Colin A. Byrd, Judith F. Davis, Leta M. Mach, Silke I. Pope, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Emmett V. Jordan.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Nicole Ard, City Manager; David E. Moran, Assistant City Manager; and Todd Pounds, City Solicitor.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: State Senator Paul Pinsky; State Delegates Tawanna Gaines and Anne Healey; and County Council Member Todd Turner. Delegate Alonzo Washington and County School Board Representative Lupi Grady were unable to attend.

Mayor Jordan welcomed the legislators. He said the purpose of the gathering was for the City to receive an update on the status of pending legislation, including the priorities presented at the December legislative dinner.

The following City priority issues were reviewed.

RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE I-495 INTERCHANGE AT GREENBELT METRO STATION

Council Member Turner stated that this was still the County's number one priority. Delegate Gaines noted that it was unfortunate that this project was tied to the FBI Headquarters project. Ms. Mach stressed that this should have been a full interchange when built.

OPPOSE MARYLAND'S TAKEOVER AND PRIVATIZATION OF THE BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON PARKWAY

Mayor Jordan relayed a conversation with Senator Cardin where the Senator expressed strong opposition. Delegate Gaines encouraged the City to work with our Federal Delegation. Delegate Healey indicated the entire Delegation was opposed.

BLOCK THE MAGLEV TRAIN ROUTES THROUGH GREENBELT AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

Mayor Jordan cited the negative impacts on the City's Forest Preserve and Homeowner Associations if buildings and infrastructure are damaged. Delegate Healey indicated there wasn't a lot of leverage. Mr. Putens expressed concerns about the impact on property values. Senator Pinsky stated the 22nd Delegation was strongly opposed but there was support elsewhere in the State. Mr. Byrd believed County Executive Baker needed to take a strong position of opposition.

GREENBELT ROAD STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

Delegate Healey suggested that the Complete Streets legislation may provide some funding for these types of projects. Delegate Gaines stressed the need for a plan.

WMATA TRAIL – GREENBELT STATION NEIGHBORHOOD TO METRO

The Delegation noted Bond Bill hearings were scheduled for March 10 and believed the chances of passage were good.

PROTECT OLD GREENBELT

Council Member Turner stressed that there was no Neighborhood Conservation (NCO) zone and there could not be one until the new zoning ordinance was passed.

GREENBELT INNOVATION ZONE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mayor Jordan stressed the need for more tools for economic development.

FUNDS FOR CITY BUS REPLACEMENT

It was noted that all municipalities were experiencing the issue of the County no longer providing this funding.

Information Item

UPDATE ON GREENBELT LAKE DAM PROJECT

Mayor Jordan stated the City had received preliminary approval to borrow up to \$2.5 Million through the Maryland Department of the Environment's Water Quality State Revolving Fund (WQSRF) for this project.

Other Items of Concern

Council listed the following items:

- *Children Living in Greenbelt Station Should Attend Greenbelt Schools*
- *Provide M-NCPPC Funding for NCO Zone and Small Area Plan*
- *Increase Funding for the Mosquito Control Program*
- *Replace Sidewalks on State Roads*
- *Increase Funding and Communication of Performance Expectations for Youth Service Bureaus*
- *Retroactive Utility Billing*
- *Special Entertainment Permit Tiered Fee or Exemption (New Deal Café)*
- *Ban on Plastic Straws*

City Supported Legislation

Council noted their position on the following bills.

Bill #	Description	Sup/Opp
PG 513 HB 241	Cell Towers on School Property - Notifications	SUP
SB 653 HB 1191	Bond Bill – Greenbelt Station Trail	SUP
SB 732 HB 1453	Renewable Energy and Job Development (50% by 2030)	SUP
HB 878	Public Utilities – Renewable Energy (100% by 2035)	SUP
SB 1003	Maglev System Limitations	SUP
HB 637 SB 1004	Asset Transfer Maglev – Hearing & Approval	SUP
HB 638 SB 1005	Asset Transfer Maglev - Agreements	SUP
PG 420 HB 217	Prohibit Disposable Plastic Bags	SUP
HB 78 SB 222	Foreclosure Registry – Notice to Local Govts.	SUP
HB 206 SB 518	Liquor Licenses for Movie Theaters	No Position
HB 423	Vegetation Management – Notice to Municipalities	SUP w/amend
SB 158 HB 305	Homestead Tax Credit – Eligibility Awareness	SUP
SB 407 HB 535	Transportation – Complete Streets Program	SUP
HB 400	Mosquito Control – Municipal Notification	SUP
SB 277 HB 372	Maryland Metro Funding Act	SUP
HB 538 SB 651	Expanded Polystyrene Prohibition	SUP
HB 1209	Silver Alert Program - Pedestrians	SUP
SB 1188 HB 1767	Wireless Facilities – Small Cell	OPP
HB 1556	Public Private Partnerships – Public Notice	SUP
HB 1742	Railroad Companies – Maglev County Approval	SUP w/Amend

Bill #	Description	Sup/Opp
HB 1604	Business Regulation – Residential Lodging	SUP

HB 1461 - Immigration – Supporting All Families Everywhere (SAFE Act): *It was noted that the City has received a petition on February 26 to support this bill.*

The legislators thanked the City for its hospitality. Council thanked the legislators for attending.

The meeting ended at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*David E. Moran
Assistant City Manager*